(c) the details of the cyber cafe crimes noticed by his Ministry during the last year and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI S.U. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of Solutions/products which are commercially available are being used to combat the threats of computer virus and worm.

(c) As per the information available, twenty seven cases of Cyber Cafe Crime have been registered during the last year. The details are given in the Statement (*see* below). The Government has made provisions under sections 67—78 (Chapter XI) of the IT Act 2000 to enable the law enforcement agencies to book the offenders.

Statement

List of Cyber Crimes Reported during 2002 (upto August 2002)

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory/City/ Organization	Number of Crimes
1.	CBI	3
2.	NCT of Delhi	5
3.	Assam	1
4.	Karnataka	6
5.	Rajasthan	1
6.	Maharashtra (excluding Mumbai)	7
7.	Mumbai	3
8.	Kerala	1
	Total	27

Need of Indo-US partnership in Cyber Security

1581. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a result of the 9/11 incident and the increasing dependence of nations and firms on the cyber world a closer Indo-US partnership in cyber security is needed;

(b) if so, whether any concrete steps in this regard have been worked out by both the countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any agreement has also been signed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI S.U. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) Indo-US Cybersecurity Forum has been launched in New Delhi since April, 2002 to promote mutual cooperation and to strengthen cybersecurity.

(c) Both the countries have established Working Groups to address critical infrastructure protection and cybersecurity issues, legal cooperation and law enforcement, information security and R&D.

(d) No formal agreement has been signed by both the countries.

Marginal License fee for mobile players

1582. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought opinion of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India to allow an unlimited number of mobile players in a circle with a marginal fixed license fee;

(b) the TRAI's response thereto; and

(c) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Sir, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) was requested to give their recommendations for grant of additional licences for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in terms of New Telecom Policy-1999, which, *inter-alia*, stipulates that the entry of more operators in a Service Area shall be based on the recommendations of TRAI who will review this as required and no later than every two years.

(b) TRAI have in their response dated 20.2.2003, *inter-alia*, expressed its opinion that induction of Mobile Service providers in various Service Area's can be considered if there is adequate availability of spectrum for the existing Service Providers as well as for the new players, if permitted.